

OCEAN USER WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Updates on Whales, Increased Law Enforcement and How You Can Help



Please join NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and Office of Law Enforcement for a 2-hour workshop. The sanctuary will provide the latest information on humpback whales, whale-vessel collisions, and entanglement in gear. Entanglement and whale-vessel collisions, which occur each year in Hawai'i, are severe threats to whales and ocean users alike. The sanctuary and Office of Law Enforcement will review the latest news, tips, guidelines, and laws concerning interactions with humpback whales and other marine mammals to help ocean users stay safe and legal during whale season.



Ocean users help us monitor ship-struck, entangled and otherwise injured marine mammals. Ocean users can also be an important part of NOAA's and the state of Hawaii's response efforts towards these animals. Learn what you can do to assist trained rescue personnel in helping marine animals in distress.



NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement, with the support of the U.S. Coast Guard and the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement will be increasing their efforts around the main Hawaiian Islands this season. They will provide details on these efforts, how to effectively report suspected violations, and what to expect if you become involved in an investigation. Here too you can help.

Workshop information will be presented in an informal atmosphere in hopes that island mariners will also share their experience and expertise in whale-safe boating, whale watching, and whale protection in local waters. This workshop is designed for all ocean users, including commercial vessel operators, private boat operators, kayakers, paddle boarders and even swimmers. Anyone interested in increasing his or her knowledge about whales are encouraged to attend.

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PLEASE JOIN US!

The workshops will be held on the islands of Hawai'i, Maui and O'ahu.
See the back of this announcement for more details.
Visit us online at hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov

Sponsored by NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and Office of Law Enforcement.



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2010

Thursday, November 18 - Lahaina, Maui

King Kamehameha III Elementary School - Cafeteria

611 Front Street

Lahaina, Hawai'i 96761

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 19 - Kihei, Maui

Sanctuary Learning Center

726 S. Kihei Road

Kihei, Hawai'i 96753

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, November 22 - Honolulu, Hawai'i

Hawai'i Yacht Club - Upper Deck

1739 Ala Moana Blvd

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, November 29 - Kailua-Kona

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort

78-6740 Ali'i Drive

Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Signs posted at harbors remind boaters of the danger of collision during whale season.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Questions?

Email hihumpbackwhale@noaa.gov or call your local sanctuary office.

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